

# The County Paper.

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Dead or dying. Not a pleasant Christmas for consideration during the Christmas season, but like the poor of the Scriptures, it is always with us. The dead are everywhere, and are paralyzed and nearing the verge. The police bring in the body of the traditional boy who put out in a small boat, in the teeth of a rising gale, and against the sailor's warning. A craft blows up in Florida waters and kills three. A sea captain commits suicide rather than stand the proof of his errors. Three bank burglars get their lives in a case in Illinois, and finally a prized Washington shade tree is dead. The gas company did it, it is said, and the courts have the matter in hand.



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## HONORS FITTINGLY BESTOWED.

CITIZENS OF BAY ST. LOUIS by the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night in public place honored three of their youthful citizens who in college life distinguished themselves on football gridiron not only by their prowess but by their mental alertness and tactful resourcefulness. Receiving such public honor are Marchmont Schwartz, of Notre Dame University, Harry Glover, Jr., and John Scafide, of Tulane University, Schwartz a member of the All-American team.

In presenting the trophy of a silver football to Schwartz, President George R. Rea of the Chamber of Commerce, said it was fitting that such presentation be made. Two thousand centuries ago to the winners of the Olympian games were presented laurel wreaths by the king, in testimony of the pleasure and appreciation of the people and in recognition of athletic accomplishment. Today, he said, we have no king, but the spirit of the American people is just the same, proud and grateful, and that in Bay St. Louis the Chamber of Commerce, representing the people, made the presentation. St. Paul, said Mr. Rea, is scripturally quoted as saying pressing forward to win the race. It is pressing forward that wins, surely and to those who press forward and achieve success we pay tribute. It is but mete and just.

Mayor Traub to the other two athletes of note, paid glowing tribute and presented the loving cups of silver and artistically inscribed.

The Sea Coast Echo knows of nothing more fitting, more deserved, than the presentation ceremony of Tuesday evening at the courthouse. We are proud of our representative athletes who have gone forth into the world of collegiate life and carved not only for themselves a name high on the scroll of fame, but, as selfishly as it may seem, for Bay St. Louis as well.

## 18TH AMENDMENT DECLARED VOID.

Federal Judge William Clark of New Jersey created a sensation when he handed down a decision invalidating the Eighteenth Amendment. The decision is not concurred in by other federal judges and an appeal will go to the United States supreme court, and a speedy ruling by the tribunal will be urged.

Miss Mary Jane Bond of Wiggins, has been appointed chancery clerk of Stone County to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. R. Davis.

Meridian is to have a new postoffice building, the government having paid \$150,000 for a new site on which to erect the same. The structure is to cost \$550,000.

A lot of thieves are serving sentences in the Mississippi penitentiary because they made the mistake of not getting away with thousands of dollars in public trust funds.—Jackson Daily News. You said a mouthful.

Every paper you pick up these days carry accounts of the suicides of men who have met financial reverses because of the prevailing depression. We are just simple minded enough to think only crazy men and cowards seek self-destruction.

There were 71 cases of homicide in Mississippi during the months of September and October, as we learn from the report issued by the bureau of vital statistics. That is a terrible record and one which shows that Mississippians are too quick in using their trigger finger.

William Rogers, an automobile salesman in Jackson went home unexpectedly one evening last week, and pumped lead into a motorcycle policeman whom he found in bed with his (Rogers') wife. Had he killed both the man and the woman he would be entitled to a medal.

A Simpson county girl was married December 7th and last week she was lodged in jail on the charge of murdering her husband. Is it any wonder that so many men shy away from the altar when they hear so frequently of wives killing their husbands?

Hon. J. M. McBeath, former chairman of the State highway commission, died at his home in Meridian. He was one of the best known men in the eastern portion of the State and his passing on will be a matter of sincere regret to the thousands of friends who held him in high esteem.

For Mississippi to prosper it is necessary that petty self-seeking politicians and demagogues be sat upon good and hard when they go up and down the State soliciting the suffrage of the honest electorate in the coming election. It is only by ignoring and turning a deaf ear to appeals based on factional alignments that our future public servants will be an improvement on the present brand officials.

The average politician tries to make the voters believe that their interest is the one and only object he has in view in offering for office. And notwithstanding the voters know that his only interest is to be elected in order that he may serve his own personal interest they go along and gratify his selfish ambition. So long as such is the case just so long will the government—national, state, county and municipal—be run for the benefit of the politicians.

## Merry Christmas



CHRISTMAS

THE SPIRIT OF PEACE on earth and good will toward man is again with us. We are on the Eve of Christmas, the birth anniversary of the Christ Child, and the lessons of this eventful occurrence nineteen hundred years ago is not without significance, especially at this time.

We are taught, and experience confirms the truth of this divine teaching, that nothing brings to the human heart greater happiness and blessing than peace and good will. If we are at peace with our fellow men then we harbor no ill feeling. There cannot be happiness where resentment is allowed to dwell; we cannot love God and hate his creatures. We cannot hope for the love of God and despise those whom He made to His own image and likeness.

It is fitting then should we find ourselves guilty of harboring ill feeling, resentment or any element contrary to the teaching of the Christ Child to banish such shadow from our heart, to let in the light of peace and charity and in commemorating this season to resolve to be happy in future and see that this benediction shines resplendent upon others.

It is more blessed to give than to receive is never better illustrated than at this season. We note that Bro. Peter, the light that guides the destinies of a great institution of religion and learning in this city, sets the pace each year for giving. The Christmas tree is only a vehicle to carry on a great work. To make the children, whom the Divine Master loved and asked that they come unto Him, happy and with their hearts aglow to be mindful of a great season of Joy. The tree gesture carries with it illimitable meaning and affords a joy like nothing else can give.

The Echo knows its readers fully agree with these scant and scattered thoughts, hence we know their Christmas will be happiest if they abide in the faith of the Lord, to make their hearts receptive to the light born of peace and good will toward man.

This is the kind of Merry Christmas we would wish for every one of our readers. It is the lasting and genuine kind. Happiness at best is ephemeral, but with divine love kindled in our hearts and the spirit of peace predominant we cannot be otherwise than happy. The Echo takes this occasion in editorial expression to extend this Season's Greetings.

## ANOTHER PUNK PLAN.

Too many fatheads are offering solutions for the depression and unemployment problems.

For instance, here comes a chump with the suggestion that all unemployed men be hired by the government to aid in enforcement of the prohibition law.

It wouldn't do at all. The fallacy of such a scheme is obvious.

If all unemployed men should be put to work and prohibition made effective it would throw 2,000,000 moonshiners and 3,000,000 bootleggers out of employment, and we would be right back where we started again.—Jackson Daily News.

The first day of February will roll around almost before you know it, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer, and it is incumbent on every man and woman over 21 and under 60 years of age to pay all taxes assessed against them on or before that fateful day, otherwise they will be disfranchised and can not vote in the August primary. The Echo realizes that many taxpayers will be unable to square themselves with the tax-collector's office but every effort should be made to skip, scrape and save enough money to do so. The privilege of casting a freeman's ballot is a priceless thing, and no sacrifice is too great for a person to make in order to escape disfranchisement. Mississippi's future interest and welfare is at stake in the result of next year's election as never before, therefore it behooves every loyal and patriotic man and woman to be able to exercise the power which lies in the right to vote when a choice of officials is to be made.

## PRESIDENT HOOVER AND REPUBLICANS.

The indifference of Republican legislators to President Hoover's relief plans, is made evident by the fact that, according to report, he had to "demand" the support of prominent men of his own political complexion, in Congress. If the President was right, the sluggishness of his aids in coming to his help at a time like the present, shows a callous disregard for needy millions. If the President was wrong, the alacrity of his aids in yielding under the party whip, was no less culpable. The Republican party has always prided itself upon being the party of action, but about the only action it is displaying just now is in the direction of pulling itself together.

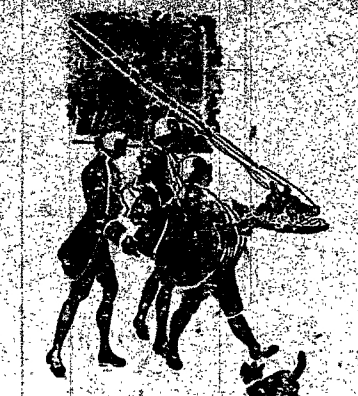
## OUT IN CALIFORNIA.

Out in California they do things in a "big way,"—even stealing. For instance, Gilbert H. Beesemeyer, secretary-manager of the Hollywood Guaranty Building and Loan Association, has just confessed to defalcations which may total \$8,000,000. The funds were taken over a five-year period, which inclines us to the opinion that the board of directors of the association are as much criminally responsible as he, as they were in a position to detect his shortage long ago. Maybe they had a motive in not exposing his shortage. Who knows?

## TO DRILL FOR OIL WOLF RIVER.

A telegram from Gulfport last Friday stated that the Mississippi Oil Well Drilling Company has arranged to drill a well near Wolf River to a depth of more than 3500 feet in the hope of striking either oil or gas. The company is made up of Gulfport and New Orleans men who feel that the Gulf Coast has a rich oil and gas potentiality. The company is now drilling a test well near Wolf River.

## LOCAL SIDELIGHTS



Every writer and near-writer is writing something about Christmas these days and this column at this particular time would not be complete, at least not conventional, to fail a few words on this occasion.

From all appearances it is going to be a sane Christmas. It is a season of normalcy. We have talked hard-times to the extent we have curbed our expenditures, our customary lavishness in doing and have turned our attention more to the needs and deserving. This is well for there or more in the needy class. Of late years we have turned our minds and hearts more to charity and in the blessed attribute of making others happy. It is a great season; to be generous, to be sane, to be happy; a season for the broadest kind of charity.

## FROM THE LAND OF CACTII, ROMANCE AND HISTORY.

This is the season of gifts. Many are new, odd and original. Some represent in some form or another features of the section of origination.

From San Antonio, Texas, the land of cactii, besides romance and history, a Bay St. Louis resident received an unusually original and handsome gift in the shape of a smoker's stand. It represents a cactus tree, with the center shoot as its mainstay and either side of growth the pink open blossom is represented, each an ash receptacle. The stalks are massive, colored in natural green and the stand as a whole has the appearance of natural cactus tree.

Its botanical name is cereus giganteus and in the desert attains a height of 45 feet. Sometimes, our informant says, it is called the camel plant, as nature has provided reservoirs within the plant, stored in large tubes in center. Here is where the plant gets its life; the flowers are either white or pink. The plant will stand a certain amount of cold. It is decorative and used extensively in Spanish and Moorish homes.

## MID-NIGHT MASS AT BAY ST. LOUIS XMAS.

There will be the usual mid-night Christmas mass at Bay St. Louis at the church of Our Lady of the Gulf, Rev. Father Gmelch pastor, announces, with an augmented choir, Mrs. Winfield Partridge directress and organist.

It is noted at New Orleans there will be no Christmas mass at mid-night celebrated according to an order issued by Archbishop Shaw, who states this action is necessary since public behavior at such ceremony is only too frequently a degradation by many who enter the house of God on such occasion in no fit condition to do. Such disrespect, says the Archbishop, cannot be tolerated and he would rather forego the beautiful ceremony. Another instance where many must suffer for the few.

## SEASON OF XMAS CARDS AND NEW CONCEPTIONS.

Lt.-Gov. and Mrs. Bidwell Adam have sent out to their personal and most intimate friends quite an original Christmas card this year, a folder, which on the inside, carries a photographic picture of their charming yet, unpretentious home on the Pass Christian beach front. The idea is clever and thoughtful and such a card will be kept.

Mrs. E. J. Leonard, of Bay St. Louis, has also sent an interesting holiday card, carrying the original verses of "Greeting in rhyme" a fac simile of her writing, and a picture of the handsome Leonard home on North Beach Boulevard.

Christmas cards this season are more popular than ever. A card is expressive and thoughtful and the recipient is always appreciative of such remembrance.

## OUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR COMING YEAR.

The necessity and efficacy of the Bay St. Louis Chamber of Commerce as a civic clearance house is not to be questioned. Our association of commerce has had a most active and successful year, and no citizen—no man—can get more for the membership given in return for his community. Bay St. Louis Chamber of Commerce is doing much for this city and county and the only way to continue this work and to accomplish more is for an increased membership. Too much is dependent on the merchants and business people in general for the underwriting of civic work. It is well for the individual aside from commercial interest alone to stand by the Chamber of Commerce, and give of his own strength and power. The Chamber should be a place where all should be a member.

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JUDICIARYVIEWS OF OUR NEWS  
By Chicagoan

Chicago, Ill., December 23.—It is most natural that I am inclined to devote this entire letter to Christmas and to the many manifestations of the Yuletide spirit which appeared in last week's Echo. Regardless of his creed, he is indeed a mean man who is not moved by the ideals inspired by Him who will remain forever the symbol of the finest and the best to which mortals can aspire.

I'm sure that the fervent appeal made by Brother Peter and which was displayed so prominently in last week's paper did not go unheeded and that sufficient money was received to provide the Christmas baskets for the needy. The tree for the children is already assured as this is written, and thought the children may dance with glee as they behold it a reality. A bright smile on the face of a happy child and the knowledge that we have helped appease the hunger of one needy person is compensation amply for such sacrifices as we make.

In many ways, we are so like children, even though we have grown some in stature while shrinking a little in imaginative power. As small boys and girls are hanging up their stockings of cotton, wool or silk, we will be busy arranging our mental hosiery before visionary fireplaces, hoping to find in it later the realization of our most cherished aims and ambitions.

Since experts tell us that the depression has been felt even at the North Pole, it is likely that Old Santa will be unable to fill all stockings with the things for which their owners have yearned, but when they wake to find themselves the proud possessors of simple though less expensive gifts, the kids will forget the other articles of which they dreamed. Children are the world's most profound philosophers and they always make the best of what they have at hand. Perhaps it would be well if we were a little more like them in this regard.

As each Christmas season approaches, Judge J. A. Breath is reminded of the day he arrived in this world to bring joy and happiness to those good parents of his, now long gone to their reward. He has lived long and well, and during the eighty-five years of his stay on earth he has received many gifts of silver and gold which are worn out or have been layed away as mementoes of a happy past, yet from the statement he made to The Echo when telling of his feelings when his courthouse friends and his family showered their affection on him on the occasion of his birthday, I can tell that he is one who places the love of his fellowmen far above all gifts or rewards he may receive. He has not been a miser. It has not been my good fortune to know Judge Breath in person, and it is likely that I never will, but permit me this poor method of taking him by the hand to thank him for the inspiration he gives to younger men, and to wish him ever so many more such joyous occasions as the one chronicled last week.

The sentiment expressed by Mr. Moreau in his editorial, "Don't Be Too Hard," struck a very responsive chord in my heart, for I have never sympathized with towns which refused to accept responsibility for the homeless within their borders and endeavored to shift it onto other shoulders. No doubt, there are many "drifters" coming into Jackson at the present time. Some of them probably came from Chicago, where you have noticed charitable organizations (only some of them) have exhorted the jobless to "get out and look for a job." Well, when they get to Jackson, they're to get a cold shoulder, as will some of the poor of Jackson should they try to better their condition by coming to Chicago.

Let me just add to the above that to my certain knowledge there are men tramping the streets and the highways of far higher caliber than is the one who writes these lines, and some of them may even equal those possessed by Jackson's Chief of Police. With their work for the poor and the jobless, I'll do what I started out to do in the beginning: Wish all my readers a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

## Try and Prove It.

The prisoner was on trial on a charge of burglary. He protested his innocence and pleaded an alibi. "But do you know what an alibi is?" asked the judge. "My lord," replied the prisoner, "I know it. I know it. I was in one place when you was in another."—D. B. B.

## Own Your Home and Garden.

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## Peoples Bldg. &amp; Loan Ass'n.

J. A. BREATH, Secretary.  
BAY ST. LOUIS, MISS.Notice of Declaration  
of  
DividendMississippi Power Company  
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The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the \$7 preferred stock and \$1.50 per share on the \$6 preferred stock of Mississippi Power Company has been declared, payable January 1, 1931 to stock holders of record on December 20, 1930.

B. E. EATON, President

MISSISSIPPI  
POWER COMPANY

## NEWS AND COMMENTS

Extermination of rats is a matter which should have attention in every community. Clay Lyle, general inspector, has sent out a circular letter in which he says that rat specialists of the U. S. Biological Survey co-operating with the State Plant Board, has offered his services to the mayors of all Mississippi cities and towns in putting on rat campaigns this winter. The total cost is about \$30 per 1,000 population or about 11 cents per animal except rats. Interested citizens should ask their mayors for a rat campaign, and write the State plant board for assistance.

A liquor cargo worth \$75,000 was seized by a coast guard patrol boat off Chandelur Island last Saturday. The liquor was on the lugger, "Fidelity" and was obtained from a foreign ship in the gulf.

Students at the State University burned Governor Bilbo in effigy on the school campus Saturday night. Their grievance against the chief executive grew out of the suspension of the university by the Southern Association of Colleges.

A Washington press correspondent asserts that all reports from those who prefer to know indicate that President's Commission on Law Enforcement, better known as the Wickersham Commission, will report that the present Prohibition law cannot be enforced, and will recommend some changes.

Another blaze at the insane hospital in Jackson last week again jeopardized the lives of the 2600 helpless inmates of that institution, and Governor Bilbo has the gall to intimate that the fire was started by some enemy of his administration. Shame on you, Theodore. There may be some mean creature in human form who would do almost anything to hurt you and your administration but none so mean as to jeopardize the lives of those 2600 mentally diseased men and women confined in the Jackson hospital.

The grand jury at Gulfport last week indicted a little burr-headed negro on a charge of stealing a 70-

cent can of syrup. It looks to us like the time of the grand inquisitors and the district attorney could have been better employed if they had devoted it to matters of more importance.

Monday morning's daily papers carried an account of a most unseemly incident which occurred Sunday in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, in New York City. Bishop William T. Manning preached a sermon assailing companionate marriage in which he flayed Judge Ben B. Lindsey's latest book on that subject. Judge Lindsey occupied a seat directly in front of the bishop and jumping on a table he accused the bishop of falsely misrepresenting him. He was seized by two ushers and several members of the congregation and hustled away to a police station. Judge Lindsey has been in the limelight for several years and his advocacy of "companionate marriage"—a polite and mild way to term legalized adultery—has been denounced by everybody who regards marriage as a sacred covenant between man and woman and the only safeguard for the perpetuation of the family, society and civilization.

## FIVE MISTAKES

A man struck a match to see if the gasoline tank in his automobile was empty. It wasn't.  
A man patted a strang bulldog on the head to see if it was affectionate. It wasn't.  
A man speeded up to see if he could beat the train to the crossing. He couldn't.  
A man touched an electric wire to see if it was charged. It was.  
A man cut out his advertising to see if he could save money. He didn't.—Barnum, Minnesota, Herald.

AN UNACUSTOMED FLAVOR  
My—but this booze tastes funny. Wonder if there's anything the matter with it?  
"Certainly not—the reason it tastes that way is because it's real whiskey."—Florida Times-Union.

## SILENCE IS SAFER.

Every time President Hoover says "Prosperity," the stock market breaks. Every time Governor Bilbo declares that the insane hospital at Jackson is safe another fire breaks out.—Hattiesburg American.







## The Sea Coast Echo

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sea Coast Echo is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices named, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the August, 1931, primaries.

**For Governor—**  
**JUDGE PAUL B. JOHNSON**  
**LESTER FRANKLIN**

**For Lieutenant Governor—**  
**DENNIS MURPHREE**

**HANCOCK COUNTY**  
**For County Clerk—**  
**A. G. (RED) FAVRE**

### CITY ECHOES.

—Mr. Reginald Blaize, Jr., is home from Tulane for the holidays, enjoying a two-week vacation.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lacoste have their two splendid young sons, E. J. and "Bobbie" home for the holidays from L. S. U., at Baton Rouge, La.

—Mr. Edw. Schwartz, Jr., is home from his work at Chicago on a holiday vacation visit to family and friends and will remain until January 4th.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Vesey left their home in Pineville the early part of the week for New Orleans where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

—Misses Anna Dale and Elizabeth Crawford are home from Intermont College in Virginia for the holidays, visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Crawford in Cazenovia street.

—Rev. Father Nelius Downing, pastor church at Clarksdale, has returned to his charge after an absence of several weeks spent over in the Vicksburg district in the interest of diocesan matters.

—Mr. Leo E. Kenney came out from New Orleans Sunday for the day looking after the interest of his family beach home on North Beach Boulevard, and was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Rea.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Query are entertaining a little daughter at their home, next to the city hall, whose arrival dates since last Friday evening, with the good news that both mother and child are doing well.

—Mrs. S. J. Ingram, accompanied by her son, Herman, home from University of Alabama for the holidays, have returned from a motor trip to Mobile, where Mrs. Ingram visited at the home of a sister.

—Hon. Emilio Cue, president Board of Supervisors, and Dr. C. M. Shipp returned home Friday night from Jackson, Miss., where they appeared before a meeting of the Mississippi highway commissioners in the interest of Hancock county.

—The Echo regrets to learn of the illness of Mr. Fred Banderet, Sr., who has been quite ill with cold and fever and threatened with pneumonia. His serious condition, however, shows signs of improvement and his friends hope to see him up and out again.

—Mr. Stewart Howe, of Champaign, Ill., was the house guest Friday and Saturday of his friend, Geo. R. Rea, at the family home in Washington street. Mr. Howe is widely known in college and university life and is prominent in various circles.

—Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Partridge have moved from Nicholson avenue to the Lorch Cottage in Carroll avenue, near the beach front, and have home for the holidays their daughter, Gertrude, who is a freshman at Our Lady of the Woods College in Indiana.

—Charles Banderet, genial and popular proprietor of Banderet's Service Station, head Main street, is convalescing from an operation for sinus trouble, which took place recently at New Orleans, Dr. Lynch surgeon in charge. It was quite an ordeal, but he went through it bravely and successfully.

—Ground was broken this week and foundations of concrete poured by Contractor Peter Boudin for W. A. McDonald, son, who have contracted for a lumber shed, building measuring 120 feet front Esterbrook street, opposite their place of business. The building will be of size and well built and occupy that corner of Esterbrook and Toule adjoining Cedar Rest Cemetery.

### BOOKLETS

Written by Miss Dellie McConnell, for sale at the Oriole.

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Breakfast No. 11—5c

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Breakfast No. 13—5c

Breakfast No. 14—5c

Breakfast No. 15—5c

## WHEN PASS CHRISTIAN AND BILOXI WERE BIG CITIES OF THE SEA COAST

Bay St. Louis Known as Shieldsboro, Ocean Springs, as Lynchburg, Pascagoula, Scranton and Long Beach As Scott Station.

By JOHN H. LANG,  
of Pass Christian.

I go back in memory to the times when there were not more than 4,000 people in Harrison County, when Biloxi had less than 1,000. Pass Christian less than 1,000, and no Gulfport and no Long Beach.

There were no canning plants or factories of any kind, no banks, and no railroad, only a few sawmills that barely made a living, though only paying \$1.00 a day for workers.

This was before the discovery of the mosquito which conveyed Yellow Fever.

We existed on very little in those days, but could get plenty of fish and crabs until a break of the Mississippi levees allowed the fresh and muddy water to come into the Sound and destroy our oysters and fish and ruin our bathing.

In summer the people from New Orleans would come over and rent our houses, unless the Yellow Fever would break out or when the muddy river waters destroyed the fishing and bathing.

Sometimes the fever would be reported in New Orleans or some other place and then the people stampeded, leaving us high and dry.

Until the New Orleans and Mobile railroad was built, our outside communications were by steamboats to New Orleans. If we had to go to Jackson, our capital, we had to go by way of New Orleans.

There was only the heavy sand road along the Coast, no beach road at all.

Pass Christian had first a sawdust road along the front, and this was followed by surfacing with shells from Henderson's Point and what is now Pine Hills.

Biloxi had only sandy streets, there being no oyster shipping from there until along in the early seventies, hence no shells.

The beach road from Mississippi City, then the county seat, was laid out and declared a public road in the late seventies. Mr. Rodrick, Sea-land, used a dump cart to measure the miles. He sat in the cart and dropped a grain of corn into a basket at every revolution of the wheel, he having measured the wheel and tied his handkerchief on one of the spokes so to keep tab on the revolutions of the wheel.

The New Orleans and Mobile railroad (now the L. & N.), was built in 1869-70, and was broad gauge with wood-burning engines and hand brakes on all cars and coaches. The gauge was changed to standard gauge in the eighties, after the L. & N. had taken it over.

The Gulf and Ship Island railroad was begun in 1894, but died and came to life again in 1896-97.

Gulfport began to grow about 1900. The Great Southern Hotel and First National Bank opened in 1902.

The county seat was moved from Mississippi City to Gulfport about 1906-07.

Oyster canning began in Biloxi in 1872, and the first bank soon after. The last epidemic of Yellow Fever was in 1897, but there were a few cases in Mississippi City and Gulfport in 1907. There have been none on this Coast since then.

Handsboro was for years the commercial town of the Coast, but the building of the railroad killed it.

Bay St. Louis was known as Shieldsboro; Ocean Springs was then Lynchburg, Pascagoula was changed to Scranton and then back to Pascagoula. Long Beach was Scott Station.

There were summer hotels at Biloxi, Mississippi City, Pass Christian and Pascagoula, on the seashore.

The first winter hotel was built at Pass Christian in 1883, and called the Mexican Gulf. It was burned in 1914. There were two others at the Pass: Lynn Castle, and Magnolia. All were burned.

Mississippi City had Barne Hotel and Tea Garden and one near the Mississippi City depot, all burned.

Biloxi had the Shady Grove Hotel, after called the Montrose, and still the Riviera, all being the same or remodeled Shady Grove. It was built long before 1860, and owned by Zameuse family from whom the Biloxi street takes its name.

I saw where someone writing for Times-Picayune said that Ship Island used to be the resort for New Orleans people. I am wondering why I had never heard of it before.

Gulfport and the G. & S. I. railroad were started by Capt. W. H. Hardy and finished by Capt. J. P. Jones, but the only monument to either is the Capt. Hardy monument placed on Twenty-fifth avenue and Thirteenth street in Gulfport.

Capt. Jones' monument is the railroad, channel, harbor, hotel and other improvements upon which he spent millions.

Pass Christian has had two military schools, one before and one after the Civil War. Archaean water was discovered in 1854 in Pass Christian.

### SPECIAL KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SERVICES

The Coast Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar, will hold their annual Christmas Observance Service at Main Street Methodist Church on Sunday evening, December 28th, at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Rev. W. S. Allen, 32 Degree, will deliver the sermon.

All Knights Templar and all Master Masons are requested to assemble at the Masonic Temple at 7:15 and proceed in a body to the Church.

E. S. DRAKE, E. C.  
Coast Commandery No. 19, K. T.  
S. L. ENGMAN, W. M.  
Bay St. Louis Lodge No. 429, F. & A. M.

### WAVELAND XMAS TREE.

The Christmas tree sponsored by the Waveland P. T. A. was held Friday December 19. An interesting program was rendered, consisting of Xmas Carol, several numbers by Mr. and Mrs. Weber's Rhythm Band also a moving picture of Santa Claus, in Toy Land, by Dr. Geo. Herrmann.

We wish to extend our thanks to our friends for cash contributions and any other help that made our tree a success, says the management to The Echo.

School was suspended on Friday 19, to December 29.

### CALENDAR OF FORTH- COMING EVENTS IN BAY ST. LOUIS

Christmas Night Dance—  
At Woodmen Hall for Benefit—  
December 25, Admission 75c; Ladies, 25c.

Annual Dance at Bay-Waveland Clubhouse, by Les Bohemienues, Saturday, December 27, 8:30. By invitation only.

New Year's Eve Night Dance, Woodmen Hall, Ladies' Woodmen Circle, Admission by ticket.

New Year's Night, Tacky Dance—  
At Bay Waveland Yacht Club, by St. Joseph's Alumnae. Admission 50 cents.

## A. & G Theater

Thursday & Friday, Dec. 25-26.  
MARIE DRESSLER and WALLACE  
"MIN AND BILL"  
And "The Indians Are Coming."

Saturday, December 27.  
MARY NOLAN and OWEN MOORE  
in  
"OUTSIDE THE LAW."  
And comedy.

Sunday & Monday, Dec. 28-29.  
WHEELER and WOOLSEY  
(Of the Cuckoos)  
in  
"HOOK LINE AND SINKER"  
Fox News and Cartoon.

Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 30-31.  
CHESTER MORRIS in  
"THE BAT WHISPERS"  
And comedy.

Thursday, Jan. 1st.  
LUPE VILLAZ and LEWIS AYRES in  
"EAST IS WEST"  
And "The Indians Are Coming."

### CLASSIFIED ADS

STRAYED from my residence on Main Street, on Thursday night, November 27, liver and white male Pointer Puppy, about 5 months old. Reward to finder: A. G. Favre, 12-5-A.

LOST  
Sometime last week, in Bay St. Louis, between Sunday and Wednesday, a little tan cigarette case containing quite a number of bills. I offer a substantial reward for the return. If found, my recollection is that the little cigarette case was a souvenir from the Miles-Sale Company and so stamped. W. A. McDonald, Bay St. Louis, 12-12-21.

LOST  
One diamond ring, left on the lavatory of the ladies' waiting room, L. & N. Bay St. Louis depot, on Sunday evening of last week, just before taking evening train for New Orleans. Reward paid if returned to The Sea Coast Echo office.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN.  
Peter, a black fox terrier, is lost and a reward will be paid for its return. The dog answers to the name of Boobie, is white and has black spots on its chest. Return to Mrs. J. J. Chamberlain, of Commerce.

FOR SALE  
A fine new house for sale, 60 cents per foot. Orders station, Ring.

During this, the happiest time of the year, we are grateful in our belief that the activities of this Company will add their part to the good cheer of the Holiday Season.

May we wish you a very

Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year



### Proceedings Board of Mayor and Commissioners City of Bay St. Louis

The Board of Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Bay St. Louis held their second regular meeting of December, 1930, on Monday, December 15th, 1930, at ten o'clock A. M. There were present: Charles Traub, Sr., F. H. Egloff and Sylvan J. Ladner, Commissioners. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Whereas E. S. Drake has been employed to prepare plans and specifications and do all engineering work in connection with the construction of a water reservoir in the City of Bay St. Louis, near the water work plant, now located on Carroll avenue and Second street, and

Whereas plans and specifications have this day been presented to the Board for adoption

It is therefore ordered that the said plans and specifications as prepared by E. S. Drake for said water reservoir be and they are hereby adopted and ordered filed.

Be it further resolved that the Public Utility Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to prepare notice to bidders to bid on same and the said notice to bidders shall include among other things the following:

Interest and Bonds due January 1st, 1931.

SINKING FUND  
Payable to Hancock County Bank City, semi-annual interest on \$9,000.00 side-walk bonds at 5 3/4 per cent due February 1st, 1931. 258.75

Redeeming bonds No. 7 and 8 at \$500.00 1,000.00

That the bidder file a certified check or a bidder's bond in the amount of ten per cent of his bid, guaranteeing the entering into contract in accordance with his bid, and that the successful contractor will be required to furnish bond for the faithful performance of his contract, with a Surety Company in an amount equal to the amount of his bid for said work.

The City reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Be it further resolved that the successful bidder or contractor will be required to use the local labor of the City of Bay St. Louis, Miss., as much as possible.

Those voting yea: Traub, Egloff, Ladner.

Those voting nay: None.

Be it resolved and ordered that Mr. E. S. Drake be and he is hereby employed as City Engineer for the construction of the water reservoir with all necessary connection in accordance with plans and specifications for the plans and specifications by the Public Utility Commissioner.

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Referendum on a Referendum.  
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Payable to Hibernia Bank & Tr. Co., New Orleans, La., Semi-annual interest on \$36,000.00 Sea Wall Bonds 6 per cent due January 1st, 1931. 1,080.00

Redeeming bonds No. 275 to 281 inc. 7 bonds at \$1,000.00 7,000.00

Payable to Merchants Bank & Trust Co., semi-annual interest on \$38,000.00 school bonds at 5 1/2 per cent due February 1st, 1931. 1,045.00

Redeeming bonds No. 30 to 37 inc. 8 bonds at \$1,000.00 8,000.00

Redeeming bonds No. 38 to 43 inc. 6 bonds at \$1,000.00 6,000.00

Payable to Hancock County Bank City, semi-annual interest on \$11,000.00 Water Work bonds at 6 per cent due January 1st, 1931. 330.00

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Redeeming bonds No. 61 to 66 inc. 6 bonds at \$1,000.00 6,000.00

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Redeeming bonds No. 67 to 72 inc. 6 bonds at \$1,000.00 6,000.00

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Redeeming bonds No. 73 to 78 inc. 6 bonds at \$1,000.00 6,000.00

Payable to Hancock County Bank City, semi-annual interest on \$11,000.00 Water Work bonds at 6 per cent due January 1st, 1931. 330.00

Redeeming bonds No. 79 to 84 inc. 6 bonds at \$1,000.00 6,000.00

Payable to Hancock County Bank City, semi-annual interest on \$11,000.00 Water Work bonds at 6 per cent due January 1st, 1931. 330.00

Redeeming bonds No. 85 to 90 inc. 6 bonds at \$1,000.00 6,000.00

Payable to Hancock County Bank City, semi-annual interest on \$11,000.00 Water Work bonds at 6 per cent due January 1st, 1931. 330.00

Redeeming bonds No. 91 to 96 inc. 6 bonds at \$1,000.00 6,000.00

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Redeeming bonds No. 97 to 102 inc. 6 bonds at \$1,000.00 6,000.00

### Our Football Famous.

To prove what virile youth can do, Went Glover, Schwartz, Scalfido, too, And after years of trial and test, Throughout the North, South, East and West, They regally upheld the sway Of their loved home town on the Bay.

How fast they ran, but not from fear, How swift they passed, with tacklers near, And when on them the line did fall, They tight and tighter hugged the ball.

That fame might come, and fame might stay, In their lover home town on the Bay.

They traveled roads not paved with bricks, They rubbed their bumps and saved their kicks, They could not else than carry through, When Knute and Bernie asked, them to, For what would all their home friends say, Who lived, and loved them, in the Bay.

Pals Glover, Schwartz, Scalfido too, All friends of yours extend to you, The love of heart the clasp of hand, You need not words to understand, 'Tis needless for our tongues to say, Your need of service to the Bay.

—R. E. ROSENBERGER,  
Garyville, La.

The annual session of the diocesan council of the Episcopal church in Mississippi will be held in Biloxi January 20 to 22 inclusive with Rt. Rev. Theodore Dubose Bratton presiding. Work of the year will be reviewed and other business transacted. Prominent speakers to be heard include Bishop O. G. Swayze, executive secretary of the College Cooperative association.

The Seashore Methodist Assembly has made formal application for a charter of incorporation for the development of the Seashore Campgrounds as a general assembly. Rev. J. T. Leggett, Jackson, was elected president; Rev. A. S. Lutz, Louisiana, vice-president; Rev. R. M. Andrews, Dothan, Ala., secretary.

### ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1ST

## Piazza Bros. Barber Shop

(On the Beach)

will reduce prices...Shave, 15 Cents; haircutting, 35 cents...Children's haircutting will remain at 25 cents.

This reduction will in no way curtail the quality of our well-known first-class work and we will give ours and every customer the same individual treatment and personal attention the same as heretofore.

We respectfully solicit your trade for the new year.

PIAZZA BROS., On the Beach.  
Head of Main Street.

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